

111TH CONGRESS
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S. 1301

To direct the Attorney General to make an annual grant to the A Child Is Missing Alert and Recovery Center to assist law enforcement agencies in the rapid recovery of missing children, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 18, 2009

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. KERRY, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BURRIS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. NELSON of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “A Child Is Missing
5 Alert and Recovery Center Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DIRECTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO MAKE AN-**
2 **NUAL GRANTS TO A CHILD IS MISSING ALERT**
3 **AND RECOVERY CENTER TO ASSIST LAW EN-**
4 **FORCEMENT AGENCIES IN RECOVERING**
5 **MISSING CHILDREN.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General, acting
7 through the Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Jus-
8 tice and Delinquency Prevention, shall annually make a
9 grant to the A Child Is Missing Alert and Recovery Cen-
10 ter.

11 (b) SPECIFIED USE OF FUNDS FOR RECOVERY AC-
12 TIVITIES, REGIONAL CENTERS, EDUCATION, AND INFOR-
13 MATION SHARING.—A Child Is Missing Alert and Recov-
14 ery Center shall use the funds made available under this
15 Act—

16 (1) to operate and expand the A Child Is Miss-
17 ing Alert and Recovery Center to provide services to
18 Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies
19 to promote the quick recovery of a missing child in
20 response to a request from such agencies for assist-
21 ance by utilizing rapid alert telephone calls, text
22 messaging, and satellite mapping technology;

23 (2) to maintain and expand technologies and
24 techniques to ensure the highest level of performance
25 of such services;

1 (3) to establish and maintain regional centers
2 to provide both centralized and on-site training and
3 to distribute information to Federal, State, and local
4 law enforcement agency officials about how to best
5 utilize the services provided by the A Child Is Miss-
6 ing Alert and Recovery Center;

7 (4) to share appropriate information with the
8 National Center for Missing and Exploited Children,
9 the AMBER Alert Coordinator, the Silver Alert Co-
10 ordinator, and appropriate Federal, State, and local
11 law enforcement agencies; and

12 (5) to assist the National Center for Missing
13 and Exploited Children, the AMBER Alert Coordi-
14 nator, the Silver Alert Coordinator, and appropriate
15 Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies
16 with education programs.

17 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION OF MISSING CHILD.**

18 In this Act, the term “missing child” means an indi-
19 vidual whose whereabouts are unknown to a Federal,
20 State, or local law enforcement agency.

21 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22 For grants under section 2, there are authorized to
23 be appropriated to the Attorney General \$5,000,000 for

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- 1 each fiscal year from fiscal year 2010 through fiscal year
- 2 2015.

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